(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement giving the following details :—

(i) the nature of renovations;

(ii) the financial position of the institutions; and

(iii) the method to carry out the renovations, etc.?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes. Particulars of religious institutions the buildings of which require repairs or reconstruction are being collected. The Government are awaiting a detailed report from the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

ELECTION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee for the financial year 1955–56 :—

' 1 Sri V. V. Ramaswami.

2 ,, G. Krishnamoorthi.

3 ,, M. Ethirajulu.

4 ,, E. H. Parameswaran.

5 ,, T. M. Daivasikamani Achariar.

6 ,, A. Gajapathy Nayagar.'

" As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

" In addition to the above, under rule 171 (1) of the Madras Council Rules, I nominate the following two members to be members of the said Committee :—

' 1. Mrs. Mary C. Clubwala Jadhav.

2 Mrs. Jothi Vencatachellum.' "

III. GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the Hon. the Chairman be requested to convey to Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar, B.A., M.L., on his laying down of the office of the Secretary to the State Legislature, Madras, this House's sincere appreciation of his distinguished and outstanding services as Secretary to this Legislature during the years* 1924 *to* 1941 *and* 1952 *to* 1955.'

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Sir, Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar has almost become an institution. He has grown along with this Legislature. He has been a most brilliant scholar and a brilliant law officer. He joined service in the Legislature Secretariat very early and he had been serving the Secretariat of the Legislature all along. He has been a useful guide to the Heads of the Legislature as well as to hon. Members of the Legislature. He retired from service in 1941 and again he joined the Legislature Secretariat as Secretary in 1952 and he is going on leave preparatory to retirement from to-day. Besides his services to the Legislature as its Secretary, he had also served Government as Additional Secretary in various spheres and Special Officer for particular assignments. It is but right that this House places on record its appreciation of his services. May I on behalf of myself and on behalf of the House wish him a long life of usefulness and happiness.''

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I associate myself and the Opposition in support of the motion moved by the Hon. Leader of the House. Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar has had a glorious past. He had a most distinguished career in all walks of life as a student and as Secretary to the Legislature. He had the distinguished record of coming out first in Matriculation, in F.A., in B.A., in F.L., in B.L. and in M.L. Only very few people are able to get such distinctions. He has thus set up a record which only very few have been able to reach in other departments. He joined service very early. I wish he had continued in the legal profession. Surely he would have risen to great eminence in the legal profession. But he chose to join Government service and in every department he functioned, Sir, he created great impression and his services were appreciated by everybody concerned. We are mostly concerned with his service as Secretary to the Legislature. As stated in the resolution, it was distinguished and outstanding. We are only to get into contact with Sri Krishna Ayyar and we will soon be impressed with his deep learning, great culture, his thorough grip of facts, his sympathetic understanding, his courtesy and his freedom from narrow communal or other outlook. Sir, I do not think that there is anybody in South India who is acquainted with the legislative procedure better than he and I hope that the Government will make use of his services and will take the earliest opportunity to nominate him to this Council, so that his experience and guidance may be available to this House and also to the Government. I wish him very long life, rest and happiness. I am sure he will not be idle because he is a great contributor to magazines and hereafter he will engage himself fully in contributing articles to the various magazines and papers. He is a voracious reader. You will never find him idle at any time. I hope that he will surely keep his health. He is a very humorous gentleman. If you go and meet him, you will come away happier than before you met him. I hope he will be spared for a very long time in good health to do service to all."

3-10 p.m.

SRI MAHOMED USMAN :—" Sir, I should not allow the occasion to pass without saying a few words. I know Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar from my college days. He was senior to me by a

year or two. He was the most distinguished student of the college in those days. I had been associated with Sri Krishna Ayyar for nine long years when I was a member of the Executive Council here and when he was the Secretary to the Legislative Council. He was very able and efficient in the discharge of his work. Especially in the Select Committees, his great knowledge of law and perfect command of the English language were great advantages not only to the Select Committees of the Legislative Council, but to the whole country because the legislation that was passed here in those years was considered to be perfect. Therefore, Sir, I have very great pleasure in supporting the resolution moved by the Leader of the House. Sri Krishna Ayyar has done very well by the Legislature. For the last twenty years or so, he has rendered distinguished service and we all appreciate very much the great service he has rendered to the Legislature and to the country by becoming the Secretary of this Council. I often used to tell him 'If you had not joined Government service and if you had been only in the Bar, you would have easily become a Judge of the High Court and might have become a member of the Executive Council in those days'. Whatever that might be, Sir, it is the good fortune of the Legislature in Madras that he became the Secretary of the Madras Legislature. He has now retired and I take this opportunity of wishing him long life and very good luck."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, my knowledge of Sri Krishna Ayyar does not extend to the whole duration of his service as Secretary to the Legislature. All that I have been able to learn is that he did his work with conspicuous success and distinction. Therefore, it is only right that we should record our sincere appreciation of his best services. I hope that his services will be made available to the Government and the people in various capacities.

" Sir, he studied in the same college with me, although there was a few years' difference between me and him. I used to find in those days that he had an extraordinary capacity for work. Enormous industry coupled with retentive and clever memory brought him distinction in almost every University Examination. I used to wonder at his extraordinary memory. Some of us used to say that he was a rival even to our own Professor of History Sri Kellet. From the first year of the Christian era down to 1800, he would be able to give an event for every year. He had such an extraordinary memory. As has been stated here, his memory extended not only to facts but also to arguments. He had a persuasive way in which he put forward things to convince people. Therefore, it is only right, Sir, that we should record our appreciation of his services. I hope that he will be spared for many more years so that he may be able to render service to us in various capacities. I join with the Leader of the House in conveying to him my personal regards and testimony to the valuable work that he has been able to do."

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SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" கனம் மன்றத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, திருவாளர் ஆர். வி. கிருஷ்ணய்யரை நான் நன்கு அறிவேன். நான் சேலத்தில் வழக்கறிஞராக இருக்கும்போது அவர் அங்கே வருவார். சிறு வயதிலேயே நல்லபடிப்புத் திறமை வாய்ந்தவர். மேலும் நல்ல குலத்தில் பிறந்தவர். ஒழுக்கத்திலும் மேம்பட்டவர். அவருடன் பழகிய வர்களுக்கு அவருடைய மதி நுட்பம் நன்கு தெரியும். ஆகவேதான் இந்த நாட்டு முடிசூடா மன்னராகிய ஸ்ரீ ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார் அவர்கள் அநேக ஆண்டுகள் வேலை செய்துவிட்டு, ஓய்வெடுத்துக்கொண்டிருந்தவரைக்கூட மீண்டும் சட்ட சபைக்குப் பணியாற்ற அழைத்தார். அவர் வந்தது முதற் கொண்டு சட்ட சபையிலிருந்த அநேக உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு ஒருவழி காட்டியாக இருந்தார். இந்தச் சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் நான் ஒன்றைச் சொல்லிக் கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். இந்தச் சட்ட சபையில் தமிழ் ஆட்சி மொழி மசோதா கொண்டுவந்தபோது, அதுபற்றி அவருடன் கலந்து பேசியபோது அவர் எனக்கு ஆதரவும், உற்சாகமும் அளித்தார். அதற்காக நான் என்னுடைய நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு, அன்னார் நீண்ட ஆயுளுட னும், திட வலிமையுடனும் வாழ்வதற்கு இறைவனை வேண்டி, நான் அவரைப் பாராட்டுகிறேன்."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I associate myself with the Leader of the House, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and other Members in the tributes paid to Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar. I came to know him very many years ago when he was in Government service, particularly at a time when he was Secretary to the old Education and Public Health Department and when I was serving in Medical department. After coming to the Legislature I have received very much help from Sri Krishna Ayyar. Whenever there was a troublesome question of something difficult coming up in the Council, even if he was not here, he used to send me a chit saying ' such and such a thing might happen in the Council and such and such reply should be given.' We will miss him from our Secretariat. But I am sure that his assistance and valuable advice will be available to us always. I wish him complete and happy rest in his retired life. I shall communicate this resolution to Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

IV.—PRIVILEGE MOTION.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have received notice of a motion from Sri T. Purushotham. The hon. Member will please read out the motion without any speech."

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Under rule 155 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I move, Sir—

> ' *That this House do take notice of the remarks of the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly in his ruling given on 18th March 1955 questioning the equal right of the Hon. the Chairman of the Legislative Council with the Hon. the Speaker of the Assembly in the matter of control of the Legislature Secretariat and recruitment thereto based on certain aspersions on the sittings of this House.*' "